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REMARKS

The claims, specification and drawings have been amended without adding new matter in order to correct informalities and to address other issues raised by the Examiner. Claim 10 has been amended. Twenty-four claims remain pending in the application: Claims 1-24. Reconsideration of claims 1-24 in view of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 1-9 and 11-24 are allowed.

By way of this amendment, Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claim in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (805) 587-7653 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Specification and Drawings

1. The specification is objected to for the informality of discussing various elements which are not shown in the figures. As indicated above, Figs. Fig. 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 10B, 11, 12, 12A, 12B, 13, and 13A have been amended to include or change the various elements indicated as not shown by the Examiner. Additionally, paragraphs have been amended to correct minor informalities noted by the Examiner. In view of the amendments to the figures and specification to correct the informalities, Applicants respectfully submit the objection is overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

2. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 10 has been amended as indicated above in the amendments to

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the claims section. Applicants respectfully submit claim 10 no longer lacks proper antecedent basis and that the rejection is overcome.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the above amendments and remarks place all of the pending claims in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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